





# THE QUESTERS

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WALNUT GROVE #1251

ORGANIZED - March 17, 1994

CHARTERED - May 5, 1994



#### QUESTERS' GROUP MEETING

An informational meeting of the Questers was held on February 23, 1994, at the home of Sue Schreck. Cherry Sparks, international president, was present to explain the program. Others present were Sue Schreck, hostess, assisted by her mother Carol Roukey; Susan Hill and daughter Jennifer, who was visiting from Germany; Dorothy Lage; Delores Jespersen; Phyllis Green; Jeanette Korthaus; Marlene Lage. Susan Hill volunteered to have the organizational meeting at her home March 17th.

Cherry brought sample items for possible future programs. Her enthusiasm was contagious, and we were so thankful she would come from Wilton on such a snowy day.







### Walnut Grove Questers

Walnut Grove Questers met June 7 at the home of Marlene Lage, Long Grove, with nine members and three visitors present.

It was announced that our name "Walnut Grove Questers" has been officially accepted by International Headquarters and #1251 assigned. The club is the 156th group in Iowa.

Cherry Sparks, Wilton, International president was present and answered questions and made helpful suggestions for interesting meetings.

Marlene Lage presented the program on "Fos-toria Crystal." She told about it's manufacturer and had many patterns and unusual pieces to show the group from her collection.

The next meeting will be Oct. 4 at the home of Fae Harvey, Eldridge.







WALNUT GROVE #1251  
1994 - 1995 PROGRAM  
CHARTERED: MAY 5, 1994



### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251, met Tuesday morning, Nov. 1, at the home of Dorothy Lage, with 10 members and two guests present.

The group received an invitation to attend a special Questers' Christmas Open House at Terrace Hill, Des Moines, on Dec. 5. Several members plan to attend.

Marlene Lage and Barbara Schnoor will serve as co-chairpersons to plan the decorating of the Schaff Log Cabin, at Walnut Grove, for the Christmas season. The opening will be Dec. 4.

Since this is the club's service project, all members will attend a work day at the cabin on Nov. 29, at 9:30 a.m.

Dorothy Lage presented a program on thimble collecting and showed her collection. Some of the members brought interesting thimbles to show to the group.

The next meeting will be Dec. 6 at the home of Barbara Schnoor.







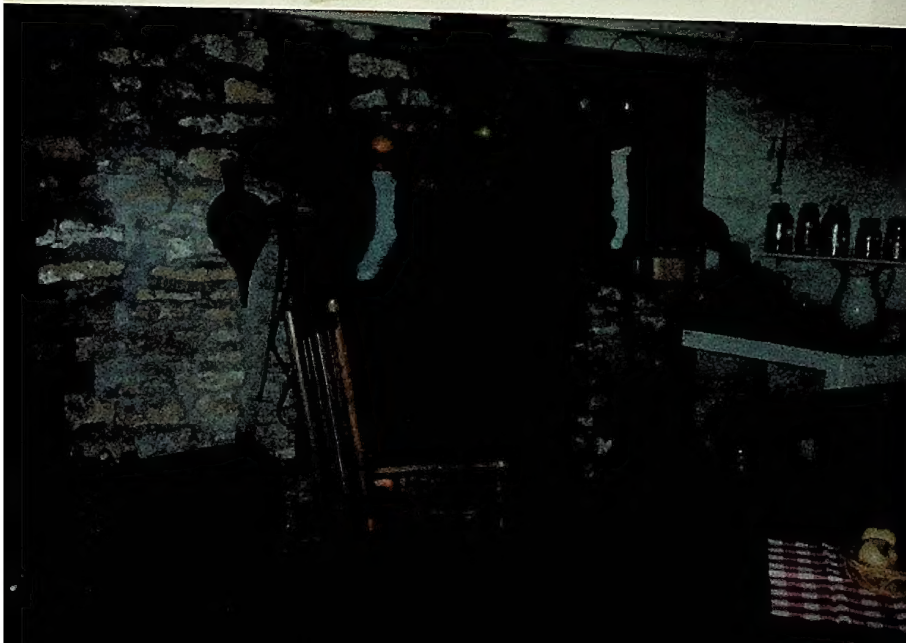


Walnut Grove Chapter #1251 chose November 29, 1994 as the day to volunteer our decorating skills at Walnut Grove. A log cabin was our assignment to get ready for the Christmas holiday. A cedar tree was provided by the park and 7 members were present for the trimming. Fabric strips were used for bows, and pine cones and Moravian stars were used along with old candles and candleholders. Stockings were hung over the fireplace and were filled with oranges, cloth and donuts. Fresh greenery was used generously as we tried to keep it as it would have been in the "good old days".

Phyllis Green was the hostess on the Christmas week-end celebration on December 3, 1994, at the cabin.

What a fun local project!

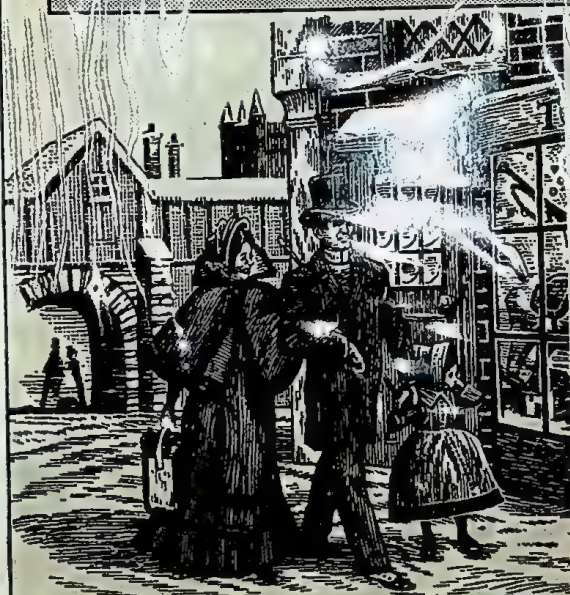






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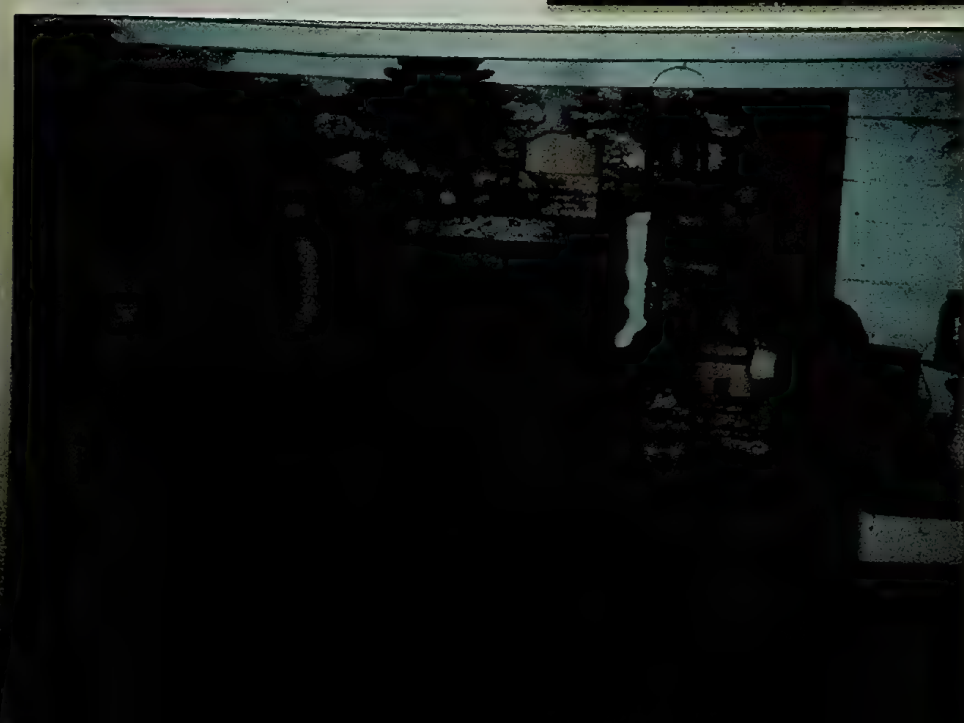
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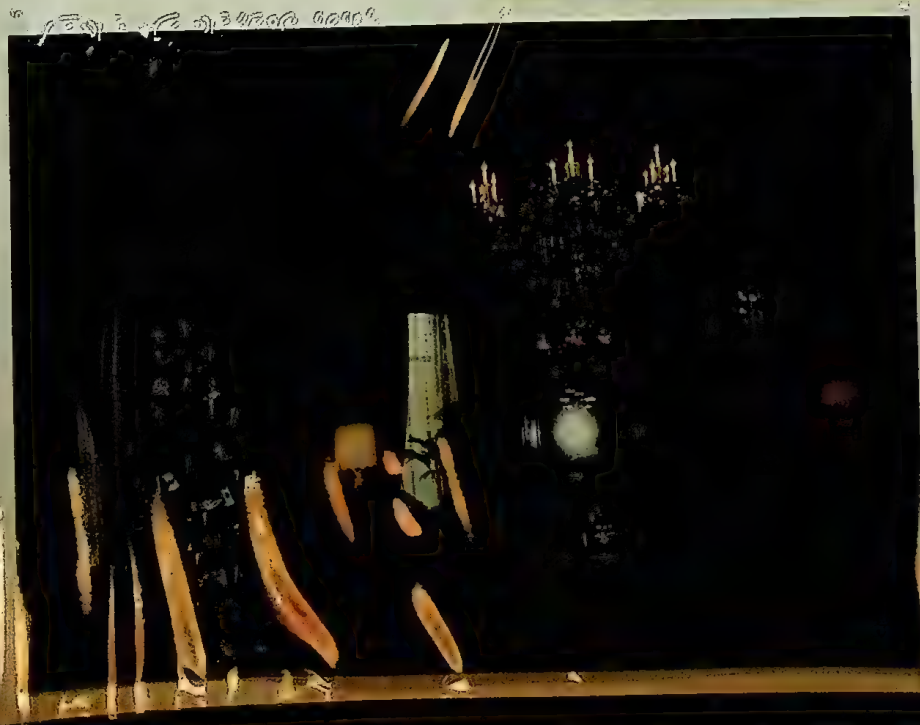




QUESTERS' CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE  
TERRACE HILL  
DES MOINES, IOWA  
DECEMBER 5, 1994





















## Christmas Tea at Terrace Hill

On Monday December 5, 1994 Phyllis Green, Jean Staggs, Sandy Brus and Fae Harvey attended the Queter Tea at Terrace Hill, the governor's mansion.

After a lovely lunch in Younkers Tea Room, we went to Terrace Hill for afternoon tea. The mansion was lovely with Christmas decorations through out and we were encouraged to look and enjoy every room upstairs and down.

Of special interest was the Queter Christmas Tree — it was decorated with white hankies and we learned that it was tradition in some homes when they entertained at Christmas the guests would bring a hankie to decorate the Christmas Tree.

For tea the dining room table was beautiful with Christmas Cookies and goodies, Janet Rodemeyer, President of Iowa Queters along with Elaine Estes, President of Terrace Hill Society poured.

After tea we were entertained with Christmas Carols played on the 1893 model A Steinway Victorian piano in the music room.



### Walnut Grove Questers

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A report was given on the Christmas decorating of a cabin at Walnut Grove Pioneer Village. The group decorated the cabin in historically accurate Iowa tradition.

It was reported that the Questers' Day at the Governor's Mansion, Terrace Hill, Des Moines was a day well spent. Phyllis Green, Faye Harvey, Sandy Brus and Jean Staggs attended the Dec. 5 Christmas Open House.

Barb Schnoor presented the program on early lighting from 6,000 B.C. to 1859 A.D. Many examples of kerosene lighting were shown and differences explained.

The next meeting will be Jan. 3, 1995, at the home of Marlene Lage.





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Marlene Lage presented a program on "Costume Jewelry." She showed pieces of her collection and told the group how to identify quality costume jewelry.

The group then moved to Antique America where Bill Mergenthal discussed unmarked reproductions and the problems they are causing in the antique business.

The rest of the morning was spent in looking at the merchandise on display.

The next meeting will be April 4 at the home of Susan Hill, Long Grove.





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# Memories of Yesteryear



Questers State Day  
Ottumwa, Iowa  
April 1, 1995



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Four members of Walnut Grove Chapter #1251 attended the State Day at Ottumwa, Iowa on April 1, 1995. An interesting morning of programs was enjoyed by all. "Civil War letters", written by one young soldier to relatives, was the first program. The second presentation was on "Tree trunk tombstones" and was especially interesting and new to many of us. The last program was about "Buttons" and we certainly enjoyed the variety.

The lunch was delicious; centerpieces varied from table to table, many using antiques; and a good time was had by all.

The day ended with tours at two lovely homes. The first was a victorian furnished mansion of 20 rooms and filled with many collections. The second one was a ranch style home of one of the Ottumwa questers. This one had many primitives and collections that filled the entire home. It had a most comfortable feeling and a very gracious host and hostess.



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We hope you enjoy the "Crackers" as much as we have enjoyed making them.





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The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met April 4 at the home of Susan Hill, Long Grove, with 12 members present. Carolyn Moon was accepted as a new member.

Betty Spies, Jean Staggs, Betty Claussen and Marlene Lage reported on sessions they attended at the Questers State Day held in Ottumwa on April 1.

Officers were elected: Phyllis Green, president; Fae Harvey, vice president; Dorothy Lage, secretary; Vera Hansen, treasurer; and Bernice Meier, historian.

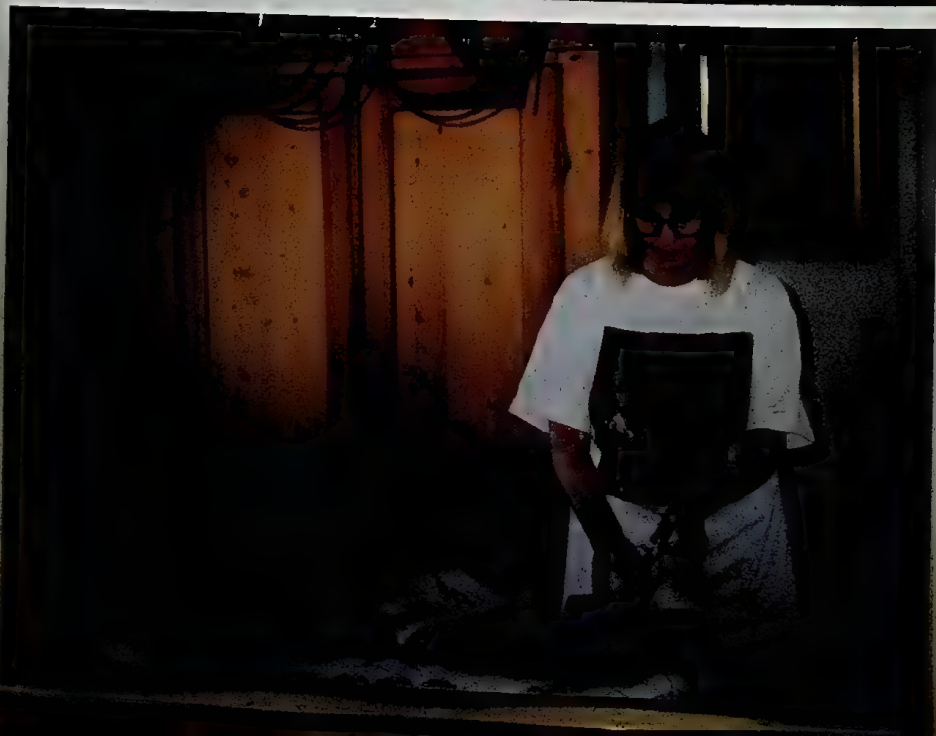
Susan Hill presented the program on "Frankoma Pottery" and showed a variety of pieces that have been produced since 1936.

Following the meeting the members went to Walnut Grove where they were briefed by Lorrie Ambrose in the operation of the gift shop and the routine to be followed by volunteers.

The next meeting will be May 2 at the home of Bernice Meier, Davenport.









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# Heritage Days this weekend

The 10th annual Heritage Days Festival will be held at the Walnut Grove Historic Village, Scott County Park, on Sunday, May 28, and Monday, May 29.

Everyone is invited to step into days gone by at the village from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This year Professor B.T. Farquar and his traveling medicine show will be entertaining on the stage four times a day as well as strolling throughout the village.

Visitors can tour a buckskinner's camp, watch Native American dance demonstrations and witness the Long Grove Bank

robbery.

The village will be filled with townspeople in period dress, music, folk crafts, an old time photographer and much more.

While visiting the village be sure to stop by the new ice cream parlor or the Bison Saloon for an ice cold Sarsaparilla. Food will be available at the village all weekend.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids 5-12. Your admissions help to support the Walnut Grove Village and all of its programs.

On May 23, 1995, eight members of our Chapter

spent the morning at Walnut Grove cleaning the General Store, the church, the bank and the ice cream parlor.

It was a rainy, dismal day but we worked in teams of two and had a good time. We tried to get everything looking nice for the Memorial Day weekend when the historic village holds the Heritage Days. Several members of our group worked at the village on those days in the gift shop, ice cream parlor and the saloon.

## HERITAGE DAYS

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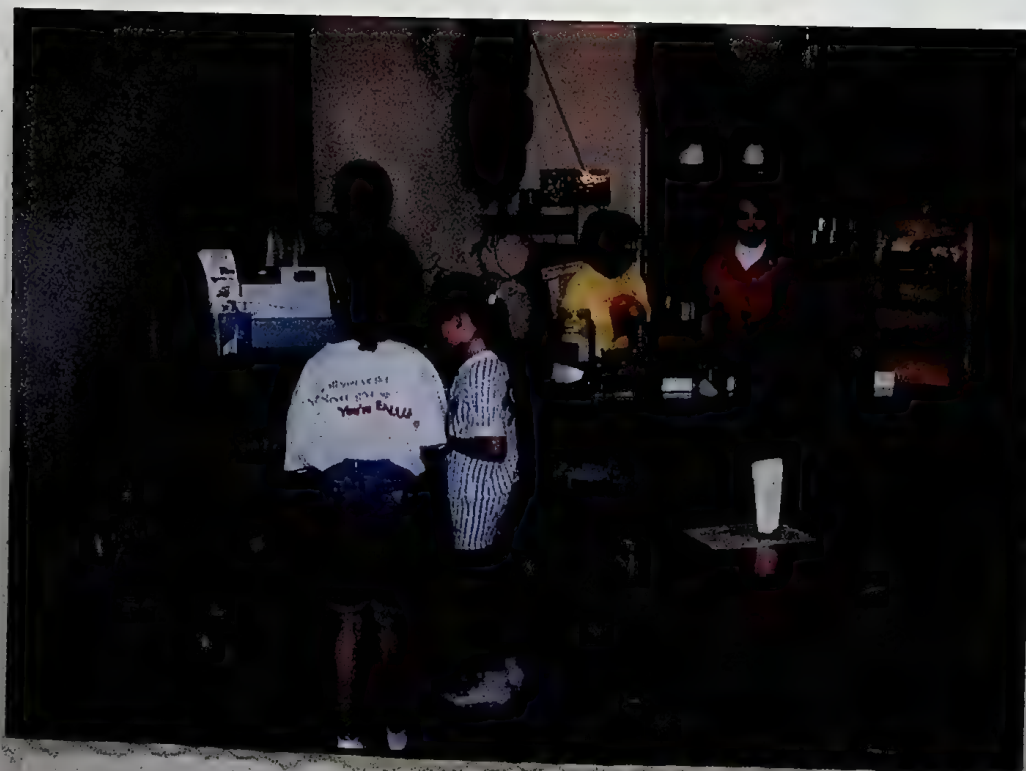
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# Kalona Caper - June 6, 1995

7:30 Meet at Vera Hansens - Go to Kalona Telephone Company at 510 B Avenue - Coffee at Telephone Office and brief tour.

9:00 to 10:15 Shop downtown Kalona (Maybe just look over downtown or look and shop)

10:20 Meet back at Telephone Company - Chamber Area  
If you early look at Ynto Others Store in Chamber Area (objects from all over the world in store).

10:30 to 11 Schlaug's Wood Shop - Tour & Shop

11:20 to 11:45 Amish Store

12:00 to 1:20 Lunch with Ruby Miller at Miller Farm

1:30 to 1:55 Rug Cottage

2:00 to 2:30 3 Sisters (Dried Flowers & Antiques)

2:35 to 3:00 Country Creations

3:05 to 3:30 Stringtown

3:30 — Cheese Factory and Home

Special special Thanks to Ruth & Ray Marnes for all their help. Hope all of you Questers had fun.

Jae



### Walnut Grove Questers

On June 6, 15 members of the Walnut Grove Questers Chapter 1251 took an all-day tour of the Kalona, Iowa, Mennonite Community. The tour was arranged by Fae Harvey.

The business meeting was held at the Kalona Telephone Company office.

Mrs. Ruth Marner guided the group to several antique shops, country stores, fabric and quilt shops, the Schbaugh Wood Shop, and explained Mennonite and Amish customs. A traditional dinner prepared by Mrs. Ruby Miller was served at the Miller farm.

On June 14 the Walnut Grove Chapter will entertain the Sod House Chapter at a High Tea at the Walnut Grove Ice Cream Parlor as an expression of appreciation for their part in helping the chapter organize.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 3 at the home of Fae Harvey.









# KALONA



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### Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 held its April meeting at the home of Janet Nagle with Helen Muhs as assistant hostess. Barb Mohr was a guest, and Norma Zurborg was a new member attending. Helen Muhs gave a slide presentation on "Old Rocking Chairs."

The May Questers' meeting was held at the home of Jeanette Korthaus with Inez Stoltenberg as assistant hostess. "Crockery" and its history was presented by Jeanette Korthaus. She displayed many pieces and gave informative and interesting information.

Walnut Grove Chapter #1251 Questers will entertain the Brownlie Chapter #1229 at an "Appreciation High Tea" on June 14 at 11 a.m. at the Ice Cream Parlor, Walnut Grove Pioneer Village of Scott County Park. Please RSVP to Bernice Meier (319) 386-8020.



WALNUT GROVE #1251



The Walnut Grove  
Chapter # 1251

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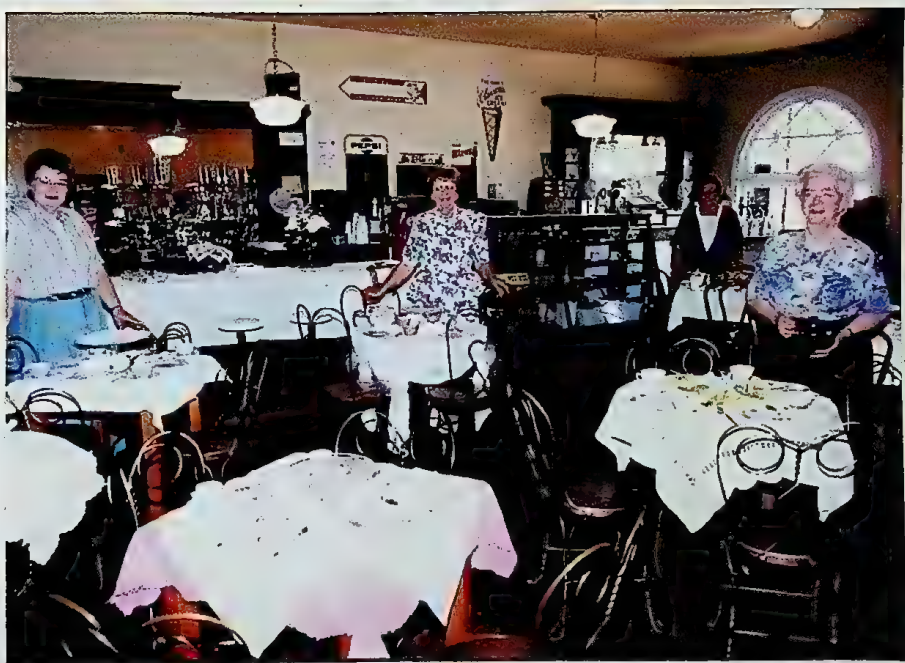


**Walnut Grove**

























**High Tea -** Bernice Meier, Betty Spies and Dorothy Lagy (left to right) enjoy high tea with the Walnut Grove Questers. The Questers preserve, restore and study antiques.

NSP Photo by Tory Brecht

## *Questers pitch in to restore area's heritage*

by Tory Brecht

The restored ice cream parlor in the Pioneer Village of Walnut Grove sparkles with fine china and delicate glassware.

The tables are set with care, each silver teaspoon aligned perfectly with dainty saucers and teacups.

The scene is a high tea, a rare event in these parts, but one taken very seriously by the ladies of the Walnut Grove Questers organization.

The tea is being held for another Questers' chapter, the Brownlie Sod House Questers, as a thank you. The Brownlie Questers helped organize the Walnut Grove group.

According to Phyllis Green of Eldridge, the purpose of the Questers is the preservation and restoration, as well as study and appreciation of antiques.

All the fine place settings, pitchers and silverware at the tea are from the antique collections of the Questers.

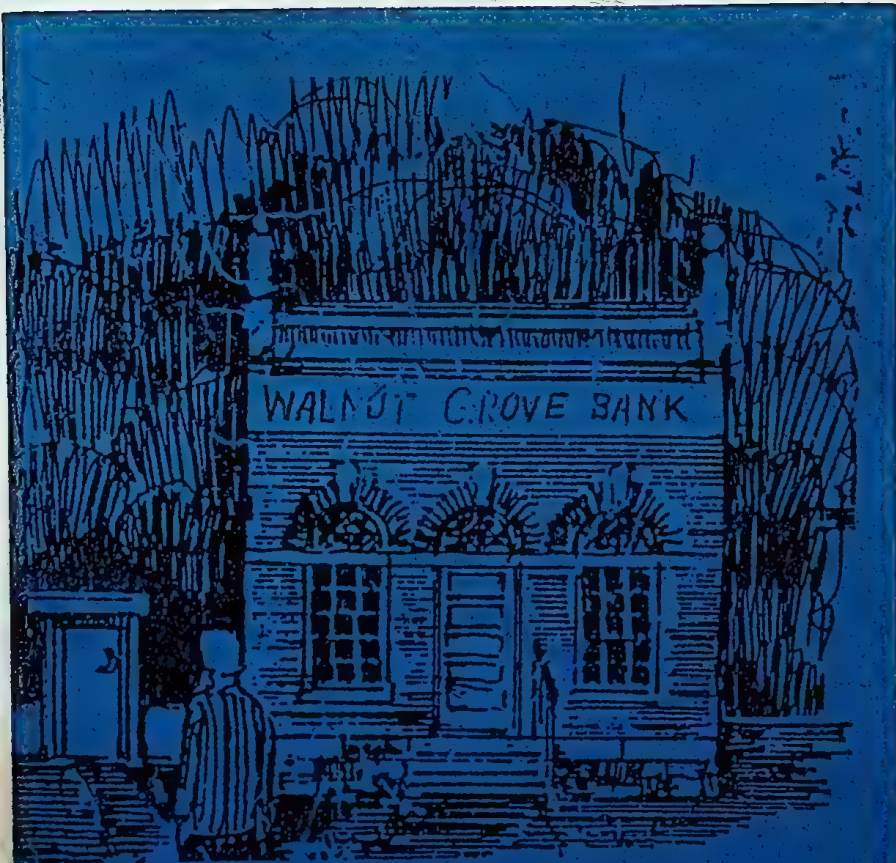
"What constitutes a high tea is the time of the day and the elegance of the setting," Green said. "We will be serving hand-dipped strawberries, hand-dipped dried fruit and delicate breads, as well as tea."

The Walnut Grove chapter, which spends much of its time volunteering at the restored village, consists of 16 members from throughout the county.









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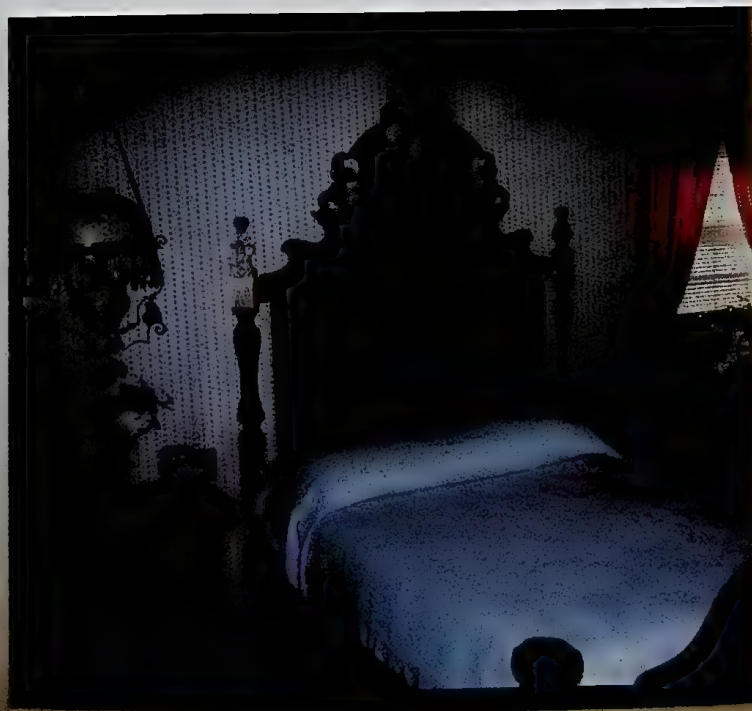
Fac Harvey presented the program, "Dusting Off The Leaves." She told the group the history of writing books. She showed her extensive library of very old books she has collected.

Members of the group recorded forty-seven volunteer hours at Walnut Grove during the summer.

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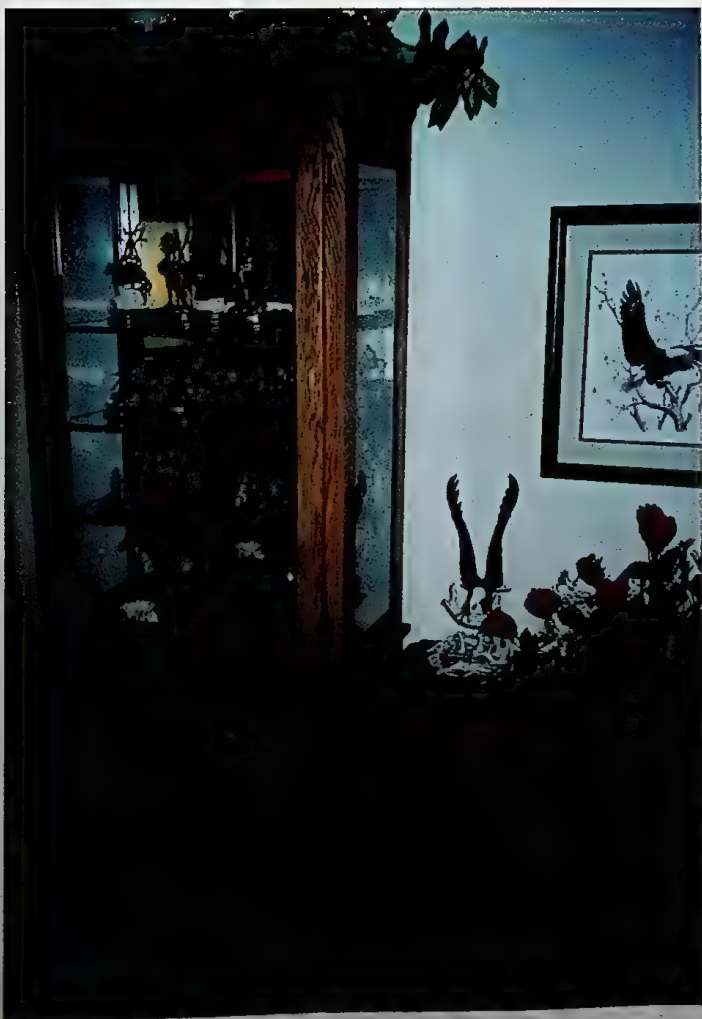
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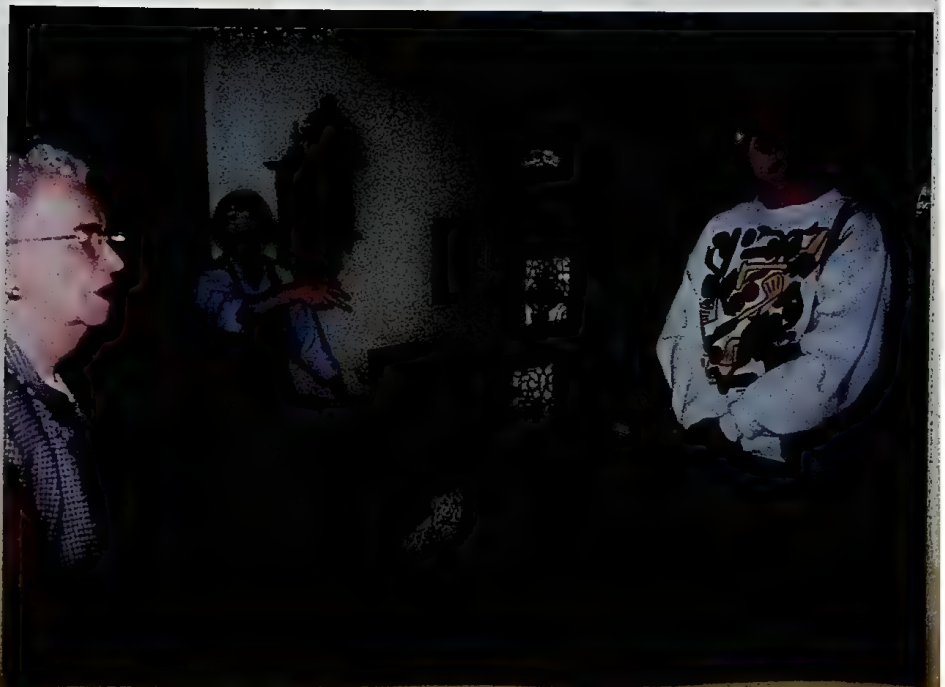


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After a delicious brunch, Pat Schmidt told the group the history of the Fulton-Gilchrist House. She explained what was involved in the restoration and conversion of the home to a bed and breakfast. The home features beautiful oak woodwork and a spectacular view of the Mississippi River.

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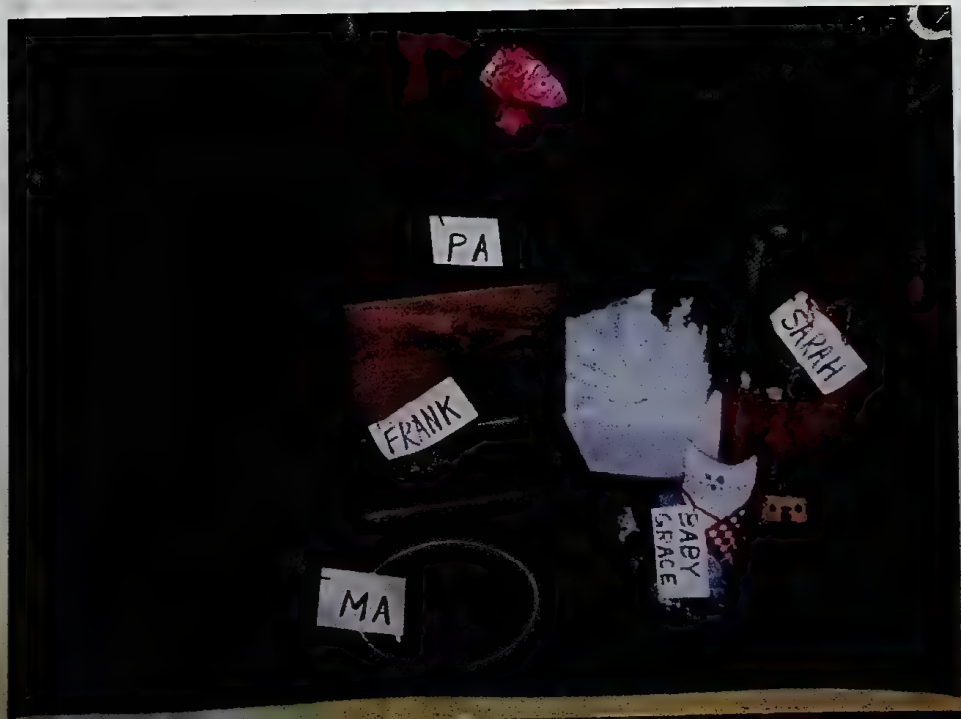
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The "Quester Elves," Marlene Lage and Sandra Brus, distributed gifts to each member. These surprise gifts proved to be items that could be added to each member's special collection.

The Sod House and Walnut Grove Questers will be entering a float in the Sesquicentennial Parade on May 25. Bernice Meier, Fac Harvey, Carolyn Moon, Phyllis Green, Helen Muhs and Dorothy Curtis will serve on the planning committee.

Pam Noll presented the program on "Milk Bottle Collecting" with special emphasis on memorabilia from Model Dairy of Davenport which was founded by members of her family.

The next meeting will be Feb. 6 at the home of Jeanette Korthaus.





# Area's 'biggest parade' will launch festive summer

likely be the biggest parade folks around here have ever seen.

It's the Iowa Sesquicentennial Parade of Scott County, an event which is expected to draw 250 units from throughout Scott County, organizers say. The parade, which steps off at 10 a.m. May 25 in downtown Davenport, marks the beginning of the "150 Days of Summer" celebration for Iowa's 150th birthday. The summer-long birthday bash will end with the Big River Rendezvous, when some of the Mississippi River's greatest riverboats will steam into Davenport for a four-day festival.

The theme for the kick-off parade is an "Iowa Sesquicentennial Celebration of Scott County." Those lining the streets for the summer kick-off event will enjoy the oompah, oompah of school bands; floats; horses; antique cars; marching units; and everything else that makes for a grand parade.

But organizers need your help. They are looking for entries to represent every community in Scott County — many of which play an important role in local history. Entries will be judged by community, with banners leading off the group of entries from each town. Phil Hoover, mayor of Buffalo, will serve as parade marshal.

Parade chair Fae Harvey of Eldridge stressed that although the event is staged in Davenport, it is a *county-wide* observance. "We want every community to participate," she said.

There is no entry fee for the parade, and prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Theme float, equestrian, patriotic, antique vehicle, school entry, historical, best banner, musical (non-marching), marching band, theme community, theme commercial, most creative, family, judges' special award.

There are some restrictions, of course: The maximum height for floats is 16 feet; no political campaigning will be allowed; entries with live animals must provide their own, immediate clean-up of animal droppings on the parade route; and the throwing of candy from units in the parade is strictly forbidden.

Parade applications are available at all city hall locations, as well as the Davenport Public Library's special collections area. Deadline for submitting applications is April 1. Mail applications to: Iowa Sesquicentennial Parade of Scott County, P.O. Box 67, Davenport, Iowa 52808, Attention: Fae Harvey, Parade chair.



**Parade Of Parades** - Organizers of the Iowa Sesquicentennial Parade of Scott County, which kicks off the state's summer birthday bash on May 25, are hoping that folks from every community will hitch up their flatbeds and join in the fun. Making plans for the event are (clockwise from bottom left) Carol Ehlers, chair of the Scott County Sesquicentennial Committee; Shirley Peterson-Allbee, secretary; Fae Harvey, parade chair; Buffalo Mayor Phil Hoover, who will serve as parade marshal. Applications are available at all city halls. Deadline for entering is April 1. Don't let this parade pass you by!

NSP Photo by Barb Geerts



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Bernice Meier told about the float the Brownlie Sod House and Walnut Grove Questers are planning to enter in the Sesquicentennial Parade to be held in Davenport on May 25.

Jeanette Korthaus gave the program on "Crockery" and showed many examples of crockery made in the Mid-West region.

The afternoon was spent quilting the "Maple Leaf Quilt" which will be raffled in the fall as a fund raiser for restoration at Walnut Grove.

Gretchen Poffinbarger, who designed the quilt, instructed the group in quilting techniques.

The next meeting will held on March 5 with a trip to Amana to see the making of "End-of-the-Day" eggs.









### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met March 5 at the Amana Bakery, Amana, with eight members and Jan Wierson, a guest, in attendance.

After the business meeting, a demonstration of the making of traditional Amana Colonies' Easter eggs was presented by Vivian Hergert, who operates the Antique Power Haus in Middle Amana. Glue from the furniture shops and dyes from the woolen mills are used to give the eggs a shiny finish and rich colors in mottled patterns. This process preserves the shells so they can be used for many years.

Leona Braach of Marengo demonstrated how to make decorative crafts from split ash.

After lunch at the Ox Yoke Inn, antique shops were visited.

The next meeting will be held on April 2 at the home of Betty Claussen.









#### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met April 2 at Walnut Grove with Betty Claussen as hostess. Eleven members and a guest, Mildred McKinney, were present.

Nancy Schriefer, site manager at Pioneer Village, reviewed the events that are planned for the year and made suggestions as to how the Questers might be involved. It was decided that the group would continue to be responsible for the Schaff Log Cabin and some members would volunteer as needed. April 16 will be spring cleaning day at the cabin.

Officers elected were: Fae Harvey, president; Phyllis Green, vice-president; Jean Staggs, secretary; and Lucia Frederichs, treasurer.

Betty Claussen presented the program on "Methods of Researching Family Histories and the Places Where Records are Available." She shared with the group that one of her ancestors came over to America on the Mayflower, and she has been able to trace the Clark family to England before 1620.

The next meeting will be May 7 at the home of Betty Spies.





### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the home of Pam Noll with 14 members present.

The "Quester Elves," Marlene Lage and Sandra Brus, distributed gifts to each member. These surprise gifts proved to be items that could be added to each member's special collection.

The Sod House and Walnut Grove Questers will be entering a float in the Sesquicentennial Parade on May 25. Bernice Meier, Fac Harvey, Carolyn Moon, Phyllis Green, Helen Muhs and Dorothy Curtis will serve on the planning committee.

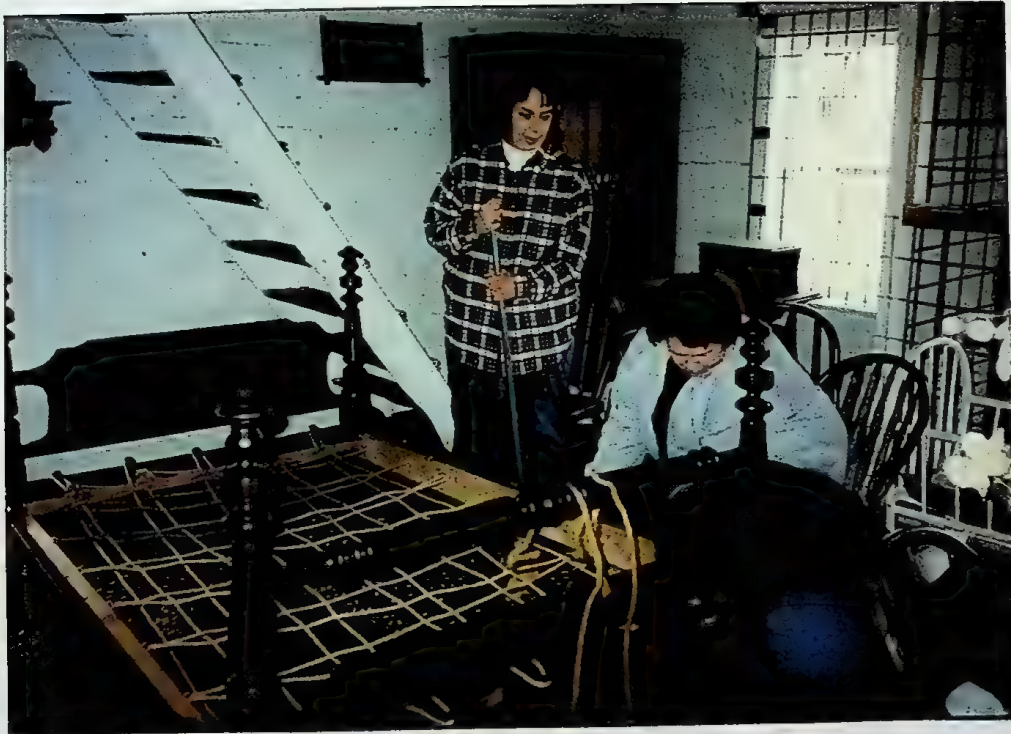
Pam Noll presented the program on "Milk Bottle Collecting" with special emphasis on memorabilia from Model Dairy of Davenport which was founded by members of her family.

The next meeting will be Feb. 6 at the home of Jeanette Korthaus.





SPRING CLEANING DAY AT SCHAFF LOG CABIN





### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met Feb. 6 at the home of Jeanette Korthaus in Davenport with 13 members in attendance.

Bernice Meier told about the float the Brownlie Sod House and Walnut Grove Questers are planning to enter in the Sesquicentennial Parade to be held in Davenport on May 25.

Jeanette Korthaus gave the program on "Crockery" and showed many examples of crockery made in the Mid-West region.

The afternoon was spent quilting the "Maple Leaf Quilt" which will be raffled in the fall as a fund raiser for restoration at Walnut Grove.

Gretchen Poffinbarger, who designed the quilt, instructed the group in quilting techniques.

The next meeting will held on March 5 with a trip to Amana to see the making of "End-of-the-Day" eggs.









### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers Chapter 1251 met on May 7 at the home of Betty Spies. There were 15 members and two guests present for the brunch.

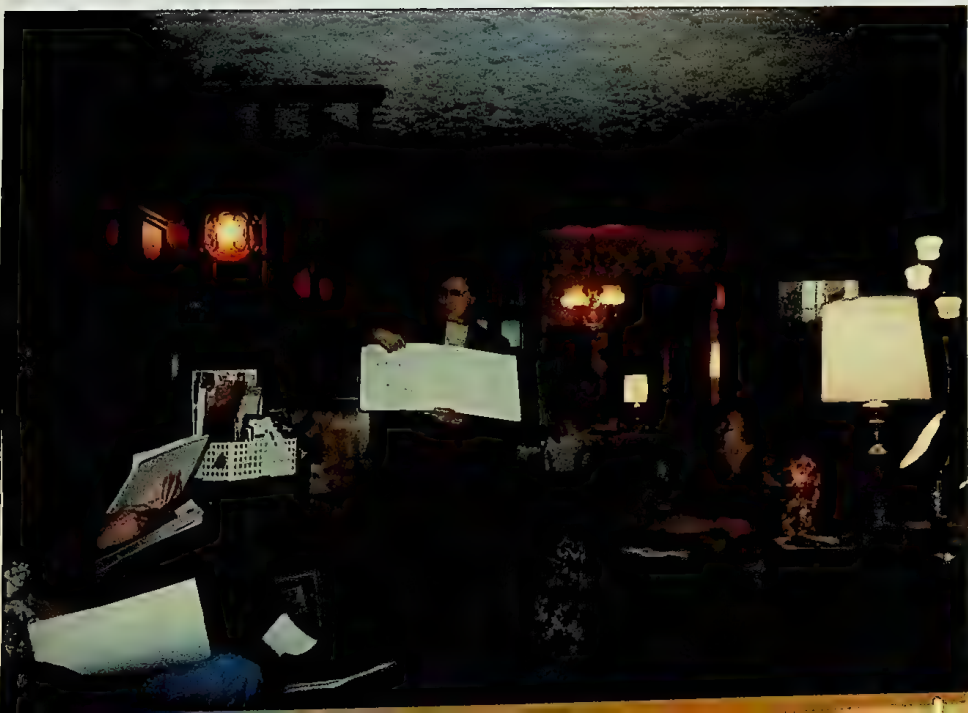
Betty Spies shared her family pictures with the members. A program on "Preservation of Antique Pictures and Albums" was presented by Barbara Douglass, a Creative Memories consultant. Each member shared some favorite family albums, baby pictures and clippings.

Final plans were made and discussed for a float on a 1913 Mack antique truck, donated by Carolyn Moon, for the Davenport Sesquicentennial Parade on May 25. Members of Brownlie Sod House #1229 and Walnut Grove Questers will participate in constructing a prairie Christmas theme.

The next meeting will be held June 25 at the home of Jean Staggs. A presentation of hat pins will be given. Each member may wear or bring a hat to place hat pins on.









# Don't let the Sesquicentennial Parade pass you by

Don't let the parade pass you by!

The deadline is nearing for accepting applications for Scott County's Sesquicentennial Salute parade, to be held Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. in downtown Davenport.

"The parade is the first of many summer activities planned by over 50 organizations in Scott County," says Carol Ehlers, Scott County Sesquicentennial chair. "We are celebrating Iowa's history and are asking participants to incorporate a historical aspect to their parade entries."

The parade will be grouped by community, with each group appearing alphabetically, according to Fae Harvey, parade chair. "Each town will have their banner to lead off their entries. We are seeing competition

between the communities of Scott County and the area to have the largest unit. Schools, organizations, groups and families are joining their city for this parade."

There will be 14 categories for entries, with one prize awarded for each category. Staging will take place west of the Quad City Sports Center, 700 W. River Drive. The route will be River Drive, Perry, West Second Street, Gaines and back to River Drive.

Equestrian groups and other animal entries must provide immediate clean-up on the parade route. No political campaigning will be allowed, and no candy may be thrown from parade entries.

In addition to the parade, the Downtown

Davenport Association is planning a picnic-in-the-park which will showcase local musicians and feature demonstrations and displays of pioneer crafts. The Quad City River Bandits will host Kane County in a special baseball game with a grand finale fireworks at dusk.

There is no fee for entering the parade. However, applications must be postmarked no later than April 1. Send applications to: Scott County Sesquicentennial Office, P.O. Box 67, Davenport, Iowa 52808, Attention: Fae Harvey, Parade Chair. Applications are available at local town halls and libraries.



IOWA SESQUICENTENNIAL PARADE OF SCOTT COUNTY  
May 25, 1996, 10:00 am

*Down Town  
Davenport*

OFFICIAL PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION

Complete in full and return application, not later than April 1, 1996, to Fae Harvey, Parade Chair, Iowa Sesquicentennial Parade of Scott County, P.O. Box 67, Davenport, Iowa, 52808.

IOWA SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF SCOTT COUNTY

CELEBRATING IOWA'S 150 YEARS WITH 150 DAYS OF SUMMER

ENTRY DEADLINE: April 1, 1996

This application must be received, in completion, on or before April 1, 1996, to be considered for entry into the parade. All parade entries will be judged based on the following categories. Please indicate the Parade Category your unit is entering (check only one category). One prize will be awarded for each category unless otherwise noted.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Theme Float	<input type="checkbox"/>	Musical (non marching)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marching Band
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Antique Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theme Commercial
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Most Creative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historical (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Banner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judges' Special Award

Unit-Name Walnut Grove Chapter #1251 - Brownlie Sod House Chapter #1229

Contact-Name Bernice Meier

Address 4440 Royal Oaks Drive

City-State-Zip Davenport, Ia. 52806

Telephone-Day/Evening 319-386-8020

Mail application to:

Iowa Sesquicentennial Parade of Scott County  
P.O. Box 67  
Davenport IA 52808  
Attn: Fae Harvey, Parade Chair

*Phone 319-285-4222*

SESQUICENTENNIAL



1846 SALUTE 1996

Scott County's 150 Days of Celebration



## COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF UNIT TO BE ENTERED:

Title of Entry: "A Prairie Christmas"

Category for Judging: Historical

Number of people in your unit (each participant receives a ribbon -- please be exact): 5

Length of unit/special space requirements for staging: 26 1/2 ft. long - 6 1/4 wide

Number of vehicles in unit: 1

Will music be a part of your unit? If so, what type? yes - fiddle

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTES ON THE PARADE ROUTE

- \* Maximum height on parade route is 16 feet.
- \* The parade route is approximately ~~three~~ miles, not including distance from staging areas.

## RULES OF THE PARADE

- \* All entries must be in parade line-up by 9:00 am. No exceptions.
- \* Any units not present at 9:30 am judging will not be considered for prizes.
- \* All units are subject to pre-parade approval for safety and appearance factors.
- \* No political campaigning allowed. Parade officials will ban any campaign-related entries from parade.
- \* All entries with horses/live animals must provide their own, immediate clean up of animal droppings on parade route.
- \* ABSOLUTELY NO THROWING OF CANDY FROM UNITS IN THE PARADE. ANY UNITS VIOLATING THIS RULE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LINE-UP -- NO EXCEPTIONS.

## WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT

In consideration of accepting this entry, the registrant, intending to be legally bound for themselves and their heirs, executors and administrators, waives and releases any and all rights for any injuries and damages they may have against any official of the Iowa Sesquicentennial Parade of Scott County and the Iowa Sesquicentennial Committee of Scott County, their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries or damages suffered in connection with the Iowa Sesquicentennial Parade.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse any unit from appearing in the parade. Acceptance into the parade indicates the agreement to fully adhere to all rules and regulations established by the Iowa Sesquicentennial Parade committee or be dismissed from the parade.

Bernice M. Wick  
Authorized Signature











# What a parade!



**Truck Stop Float** - The Iowa-80 Truck Stop sponsored this parade entry celebrating Christmas on the prairie.



**Questers Float** - One of the floats pictured on page 21, with the caption "Truck Stop Float," that appeared in last week's NSP was said to be sponsored by the Iowa-80 Truck Stop. In fact, Iowa-80 donated the antique truck which pulled the float. The float was entered into the parade by the Brownlie Sod House Questers #1220 and Walnut Grove Questers #1251. The purpose of the Questers is the preservation and restoration, as well as study and appreciation, of antiques.



### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met June 25 at the home of Jean Staggs. Thirteen members answered the roll call by showing a hat, many of them very old, which could be pinned with an antique hat pin.

Bernice Meier and Jeanette Korthaus and their husbands were thanked for their work on the Sesquicentennial float, and Carolyn Moon was thanked for furnishing the antique truck and two drivers for the parade.

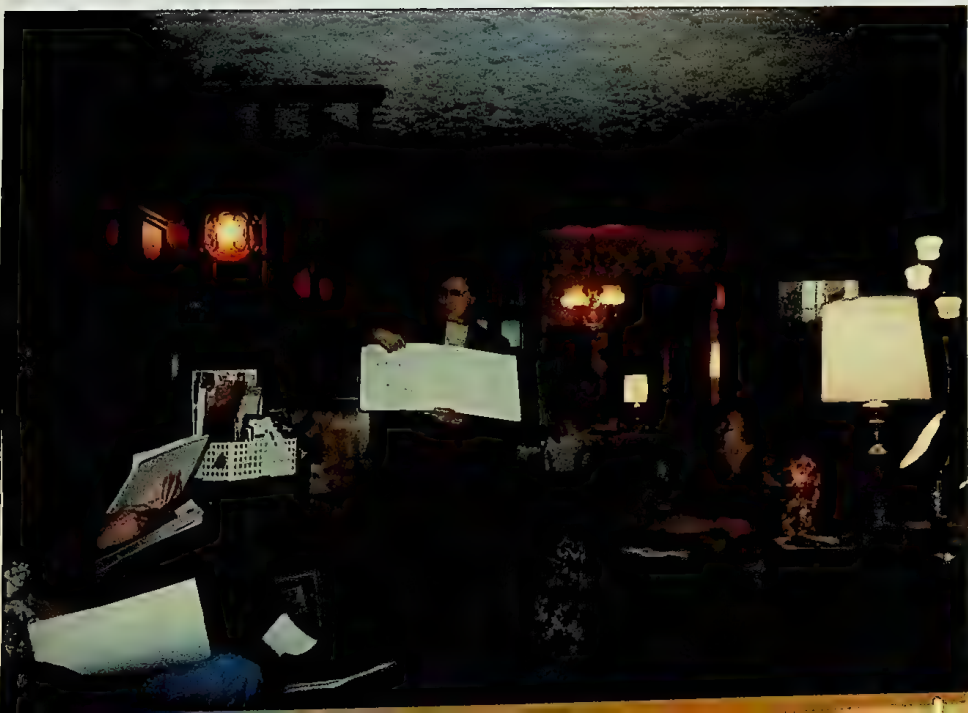
The group surprised Betty Spies with some items to restock her kitchen after her kitchen was damaged by smoke.

Next year's programs were distributed. The Walnut Grove Questers will go to Clermont, Iowa, on Aug. 25 to attend an organ concert at the Union Sunday School. This organ, a rare antique, was restored with funds given by Iowa Questers.

Jean Staggs presented a program on the history and the use of hat pins by showing the group her extensive collection.









# CLERMONT IOWA

Montauk  
A Living Home



*Celebrating*  
*The 100th Year*  
*of the Kimball Pipe Organ*

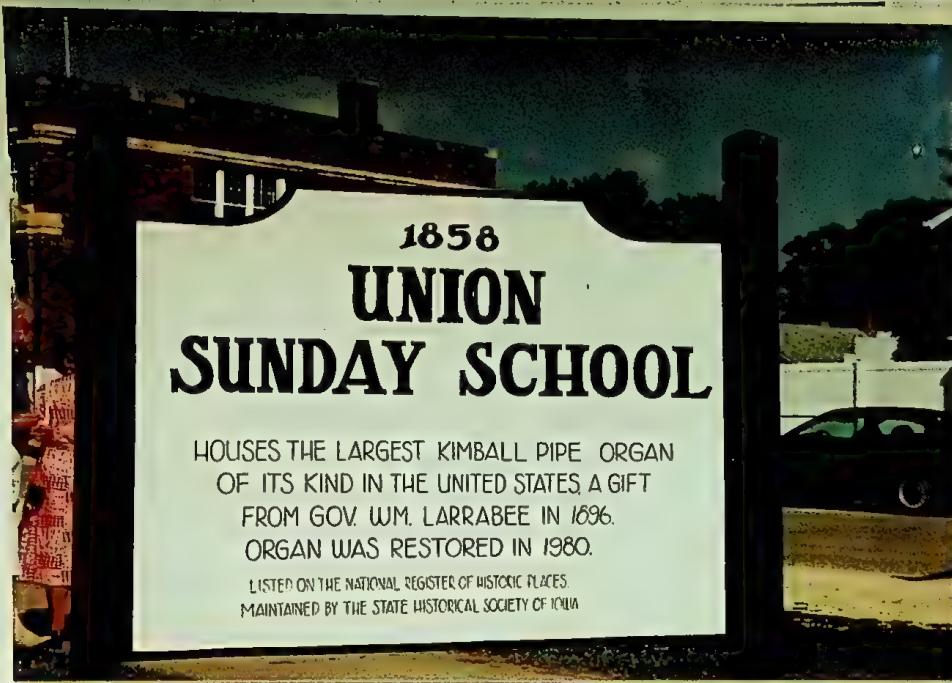


*Union Sunday School*  
*Clermont, Iowa*























### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 held their meeting for the new year at Carolyn Moon's home on Oct. 1. with 15 members and two guests in attendance. Delia and daughter Nell Meier were also present. Each member shared a summer antique find.

The new officers were installed for 1996-97: president, Faye Harvey; vice president, Phyllis Green; secretary, Jean Staggs; treasurer, Lucia Friederichs; historian, Bernice Meier.

Phyllis Green gave a report on the concert given at Clarion Union Sunday School, in Clarion, Iowa. She also spoke about a tour of the Montauk Living Home, attended by some of the members on Aug. 25. A donation of \$20 was given for the fund, set up by the Iowa Questers membership, toward the organ restoration.

Carolyn Moon gave an outstanding program on Buddy L. Toys, which were made in Moline in 1918. They were manufactured at Moline Pressed Steel Co., owned by Fred A. Lundahl and son, Buddy (Arthur B. Lundahl).









### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met on Nov. 5 at the home of Phyllis Green.

Eleven members answered the roll call by showing or telling about an item used in butter making.

Betty Spies reported on the Southeast Area Questers meeting that was held on Oct. 5 at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant. The program and displays were on quilts, puzzles and paper dolls.

On Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. members will decorate the Schaff log cabin at Walnut Grove for Christmas.

Eunice McCubbin, a member of the Sod House

Questers, gave a program on butter churns. Records indicate that churns were used in the Colonies as early as 1644. These were made of cedar. Later churns were made of pottery, glass and metal. She showed many churns from her collection.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 3 at the home of Fae Harvey.









### Walnut Grove Questers #1251

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met on Dec. 3 at the home of Fae Harvey, where a brunch was served.

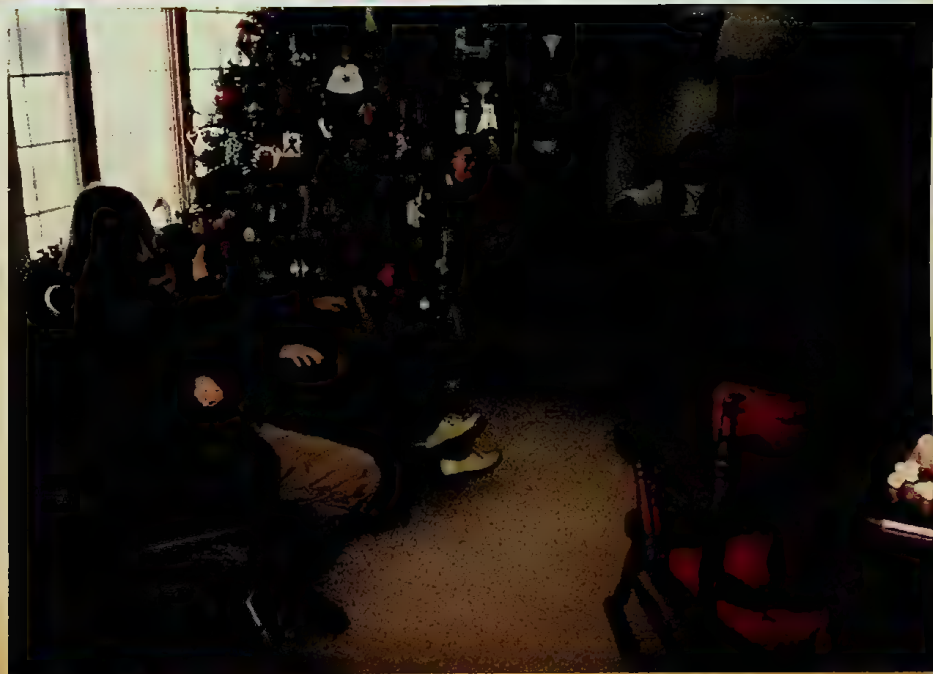
Fourteen members answered roll call by telling their favorite Christmas customs.

It was reported that Schaff's log cabin at Walnut Grove Historic Village was decorated by members on Nov. 19 for the Christmas season. After decorating they went to lunch at Fairyland Park Ballroom.

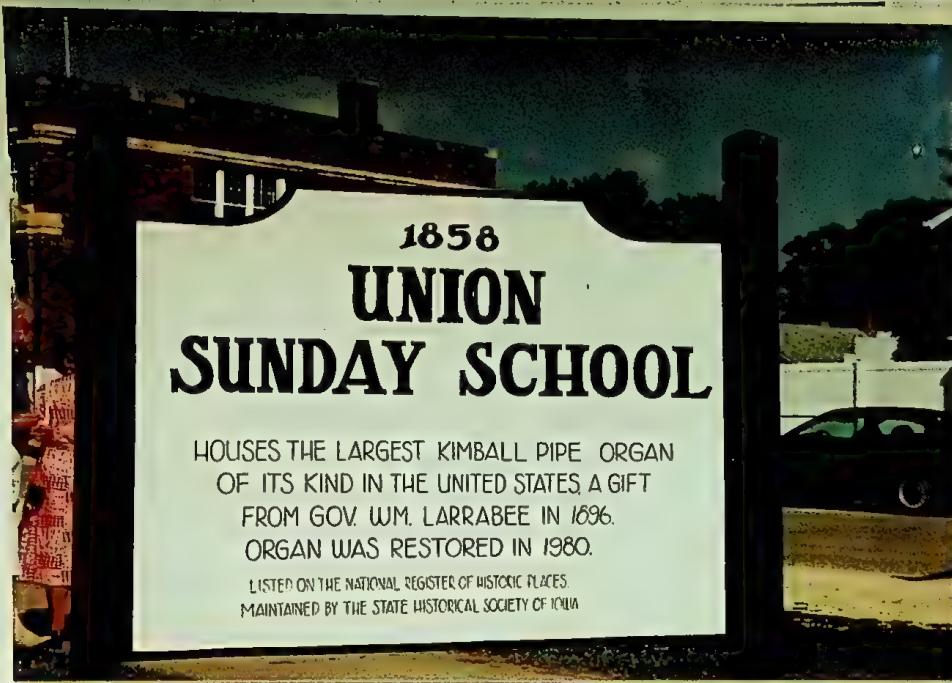
Betty Spies, who is on a committee with Phyllis Green, announced that Sept. 30, 1997, is the date for the Southeast Area Questers meeting.

Fae Harvey gave a program on Williamsburg Christmas Customs and Old English Expressions. Also, she visited the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, N.M. and told the story of the famous stairs in the chapel of Our Lady of Light.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 7 at the home of Lucia Friedericks of Walcott. The program will be "From a Tusk to a Treasure."









### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met on Jan. 7 at the home of Lucia Friederichs, Walcott.

Thirteen members answered roll call by telling their resolutions for the new year.

Phyllis Green read a letter from JoAnn Hemingway from Iowa City. Her letter was a welcome reply for our group to visit their farm on June 3. JoAnn will give a program on "Iowa City Flint Glass." After the program, the members will have lunch at the Iowa City Tea Room.

Lucia Friederichs gave a program, "From a Tusk to a Treasure." She did a show and tell of her extensive ivory collection, which also included soapstone.

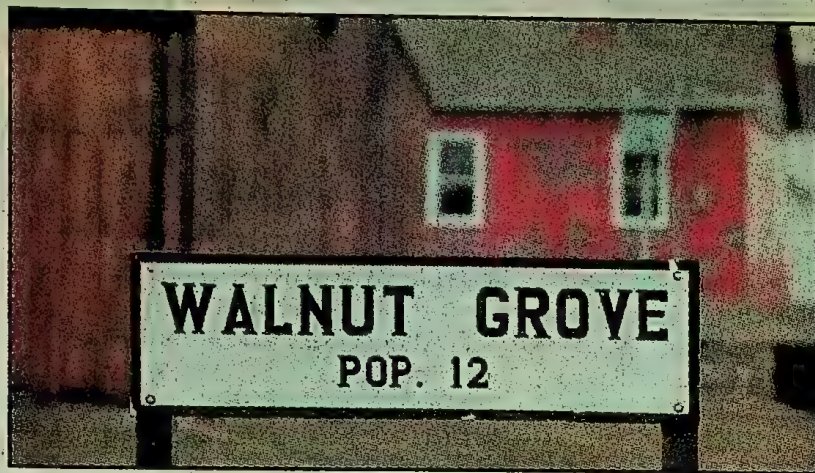
The next meeting will be on Feb. 4 at the home of Sandy Brus.











Story  
by  
Linda  
Cook



Photos  
by  
Larry  
Fisher

# Beating cabin fever

## ► IF YOU GO

**What:** Walnut Grove Pioneer Village, Scott County Park, Long Grove, Iowa.

**Hours:** 9 a.m.-dusk daily

**When:** You can stroll through any time during those hours. Buildings are open most weekends and when the weather permits.

**How much:** Free.

**Information:** (319) 285-9903.

A journey  
to Walnut Grove  
Pioneer Village  
could be just  
what the doctor  
ordered

If your cabin fever is getting the best of you, take a stroll past a couple of cabins — in fact, an entire village — for a pleasant winter outing.

Nancy Schreifer, site manager of Walnut Grove Pioneer Village, part of Scott County Park, Long Grove, says the buildings at the site are open most weekends and when the weather permits, and the church almost always is open.

The site originally was a crossroads settlement in the early 1800s. "It wasn't really a town or a village, it was stagecoach stop," she says. "There originally was a school here, a blacksmith shop and log cabins (but not the ones that are here now)." The little spot had a post office, too.

"When Scott County Park was developed and the school still was here, the Scott County Conservation Board purchased the school from North Scott School District." The building was used as a school house until about 1968, although it had been modernized.

Then there are the cabins. The Schaff cabin was named for the family on whose land the building originally stood. The Tobin cabin was named after one of the original families to settle in Scott County. "Those were pioneer cabins built from 1835 to 1840," she said.

In the Schaff cabin, which originally stood near Dixon, Iowa, you'll







# WALNUT GROVE PIONEER VILLAGE

Scott County, Iowa

(319) 381-1114

Walnut Grove was a cross-roads settlement in the pioneer days of Scott County in the 1860's. Today, the three-acre site includes more than sixteen historic buildings relocated from endangered sites from throughout rural Scott County.

**The Ehlers Blacksmith Shop** (c. 1860) operated for nearly 100 years on its current site. The old brick forge, bellows and smith tools remain in place.



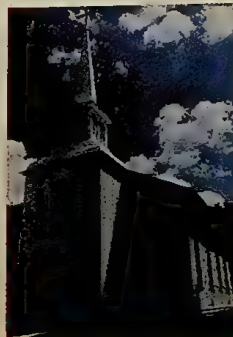
**Butler Township Schoolhouse #2** (c. 1870) is typical of the more than 5,000 one room school houses that dotted the rural landscape of Iowa in the 19th Century. The furnishings include slate blackboards, double desks, and old geography maps.



**The Schaff Cabin** (c. 1837) was home for a pioneer family of six. They cooked, worked and slept in the cabin's single room. The hand hewn oak logs were chinked with a mixture of clay and grass.



**St. Ann's Church** (c. 1858, 1870) was built by a Catholic parish which included Walnut Grove and dozens of pioneer farm families. Stained glass windows and an ornate altar highlighted the 1985-1986 restoration.



**OPEN DAILY**

8 a.m. to Sundown  
April thru October

Picnic Grounds Available

(Admission Free) Donations Accepted

Walnut Grove #1251  
Chartered - May 5, 1994

Meets at 9 A.M.  
First Tuesday of each  
month, from October  
through June.

We have chosen Walnut Grove as our chapter name. It was a ghost town in Northern Scott County Park and has been relocated to the site. The 14 buildings and parklike village green are enjoyed by school children, local families, and tourists. The village, open all year to the public, is an historical "Jewel."



### New Questers Club formed

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The Questers is an international study group that aims to stimulate the appreciation of antiques and to encourage the preservation of historic landmarks.

The next meeting will be at the home of Vera Hansen on April 5. Anyone desiring more information about the group should call Phyllis Green at 285-4457 or Dorothy Lage, 285-9885.





### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers met April 5 at the home of Vera Hansen. Roll call was "Name My Favorite Historic Place to Visit."

After a lunch was served, a short business meeting was conducted by vice-president Faye Harvey.

The program included interesting details about Vera Hansen's many collections and family pieces.

Phyllis Green will host the May 3 meeting.

Persons interested in Questers may call Dorothy Lage, 285-9885, or Phyllis Green, at 285-4457.









### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Chapter of Questers met May 3 at the home of Phyllis Green for the monthly meeting with nine members and four guest attending. Phyllis Green gave an interesting program on depression glassware.

The June 7 meeting will be held at the home of Marlene Lage.







see a bed, a baby crib, a kitchen table and cooking utensils, and you also can see utensils and furniture in the Tobin cabin, originally from Long Grove.

There there's Olde Saint Ann's Church, which originally was about two miles down the road. "There still is a parish there; they built a new church and they were going to tear this one down. We had it moved here," she said. The church's altar section was built in the 1850s and the balance of the church was finished in the 1870s.

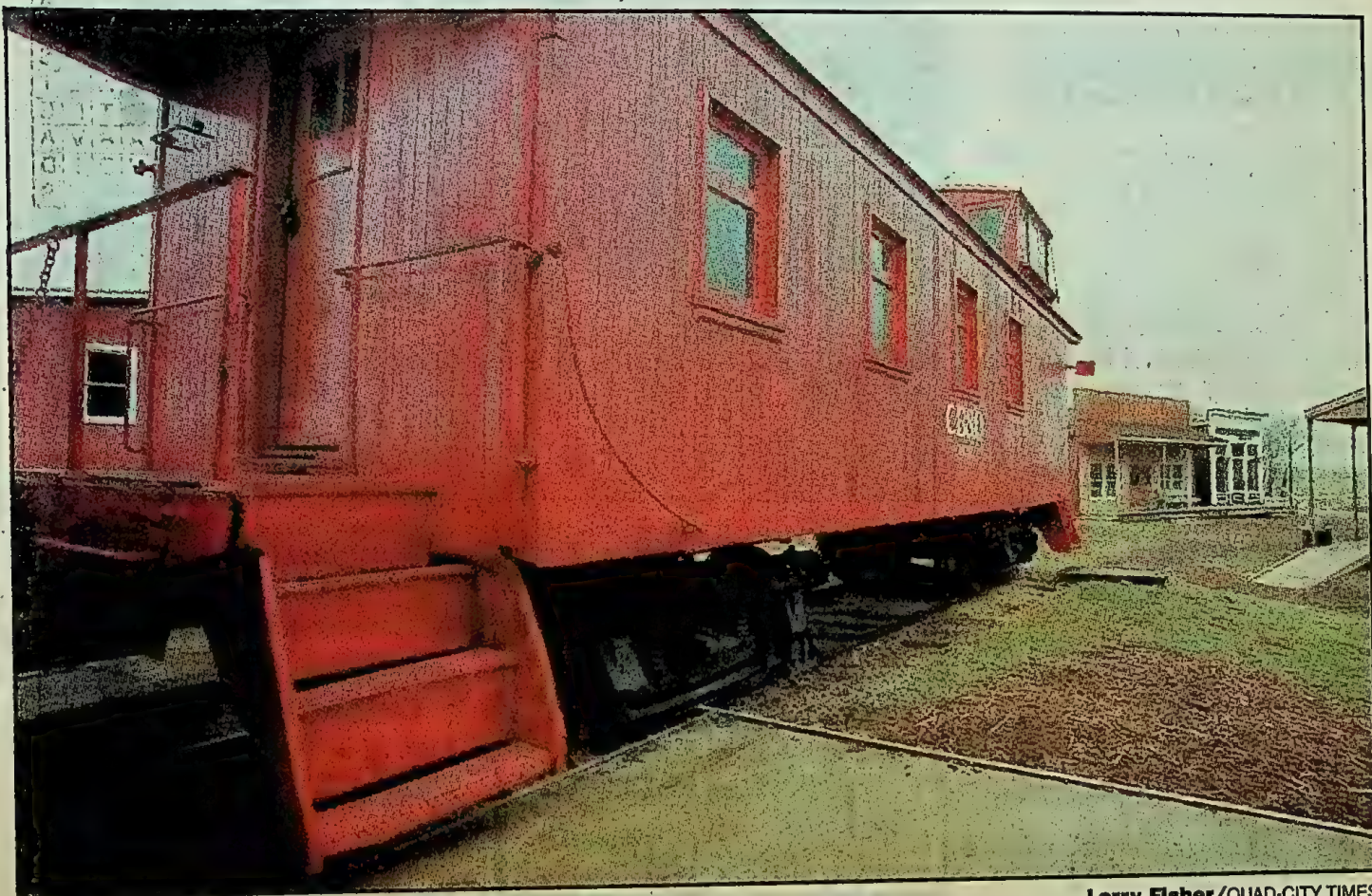
"So many people can relate to it," she said. "It was kind of the standard for churches, regardless of denomination. My parents grew up in northwest Iowa. The first time my mom walked in, her mouth

— VILLAGE

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Larry Fisher/QUAD-CITY TIMES

The train at Walnut Grove Pioneer Village is a popular attraction for children.

## Village offers an escape

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dropped open because it looked like the church she had attended as a child."

The church has become a popular spot for visitors and weddings, with 79 held there in 1996. "We average two on a Saturday," she said. A reunion for couples married in the church will be held in August.

Other structures include the Walnut Grove Bank, a replica of a turn-of-the-century bank. You'll also see a train depot, which was moved from Donahue, Iowa, complete with

a ticket office, a Teletype machine, storage room, train and caboose. "The train is the most popular attraction among the kids," she said. "It's always open, and the kids can go through there and see what it's like to get on the engine and get in the sleeping car."

In the Dammann building, donated by an early Scott County family, you'll see all kinds of farm machinery and other implements. In addition, the site boasts the Bison Saloon, doctor/dentist office

and wood worker's shop, which are replicas.

There's also a post office and the Keppy/Nagle General Store (both those families actually were proprietors of general stores in the Long Grove and Donahue areas). The fire station was moved to Walnut Grove from McCausland, and it has a horse-drawn chemical engine among its features.

The blacksmith shop is original to the site, and the blacksmith residence is being renovated.



### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met at the home of Sandy Brus on an icy and snowy morning on Feb. 4 at 9 a.m.

The five in attendance enjoyed Sandy Brus' program on "Pressed and Art Glass." She had a nice variety of examples and beautiful glass to share with the club from her collection. Our next meeting will be at the home of Vera Hansen on March 4. Roll call will be "Share an old toy."

### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met March 4 at the home of Vera Hansen.

Twelve members answered roll call by show and tell of an old toy.

Fae Harvey reminded the members the Iowa State meeting will be held April 12 in Des Moines. Also the Questers International Convention will be May 2-5, in Orlando, Fla. Phyllis Green, a committee member, reported the Southeast District meeting will be held Sept. 30, at the Holiday Inn, Brady Street, Davenport.

Vera Hansen gave a program on her extensive collection of Fisher-Price toys. Also a history of Irving R. Price and wife Margaret Evans, who was a well-known illustrator and author of children's books.

The next meeting will be April 1, at the home of Betty Claussen. The program will be "Lovin' Cuts." Members may share an old cookie cutter.









### Walnut Grove Questers #1251

The Walcott Grove Questers #1251 held their meeting April 4, at the home of Betty Claussen.

Thirteen members answered roll call by sharing old cookie cutters.

Fae Harvey announced that Walnut Grove volunteers, "Friends of the Village," met April 6, at 1:30 p.m. and elected officers.

Phyllis Green and Betty Spies gave a detailed report on the responsibility of duties to be given our group for the southeast meeting that will be Sept. 30.

The new slate of officers for the year 1997-1998 were announced: president-Fae Harvey; vice-president-Pam Noll; secretary-Betty Claussen; treasurer-Lucia Friedrichs; and historian-Bernice Meier.

Betty Claussen gave an interesting program on the history of old and new cookie cutters. Her collection was extensive from 1920s to present day.

The next meeting will be May 6 at the home of Jeanette Korthaus.









### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met May 6 at the home of Jeanette Korthus.

Fourteen members answered roll call by sharing something old they found hidden away. Marlene Lage's sister, Ruth Ann Munster from Daytona Beach, Fla., was a guest at the meeting.

Fae Harvey attended Iowa Questers State Day Presidents Reception at Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines, April 11. She also gave a report and showed pictures taken at State Day.

On April 12 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Bettie McKenzie gave an exhibit in slides, on Thomas D. Murphy art calendars from Red Oak.

On May 20, Questers cleaned Schaff's log cabin at Walnut Grove Historic Village. After cleaning they went to lunch at Fairyland Ballroom.

Jeanette Korthus gave a program on Milk Glass from Cambridge, Ohio.

Questers\* will be meeting at Vera Hansen's home June 3, 8:15 a.m. for a trip to Herbert Hoover Museum, West Branch, with lunch at Iowa City Tea Room.





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Our spring cleaning day at the Schaff Cabin.





# Plum Grove Historic Home

❖ Built in 1844 ❖



**E**njoy a guided tour of the home of Iowa's first Territorial Governor, Robert Lucas, and Friendly Lucas, his wife. The seven-room Greek Revival house was constructed of local red brick. The National Society of Colonial Dames of America has furnished the home with authentic period pieces, representative of the 1844-53 period. The State Historical Society of Iowa owns and preserves the Plum Grove Historic Site which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 🍷

Photo Credit: SHSI, Steven Ohrn

## Walcott Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met June 3 at Vera Hansen's home, for a tour of antiques in Marie Latta's home at Wilton. Thirteen members were present.

In Iowa City the Quester members were given a guided tour of Plum Grove Historic Home, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We had lunch at the Iowa City Power Restaurant. Each member was given an antique gift from the late Marlene Lage. After lunch some of the group went to antique shops in Iowa City and West Branch.

The next meeting will be Oct. 7 at the home of Dorothy Lage.





















*Thank you for the  
memorial to the  
Sod House. The  
fresh flower arrangement  
of home-grown  
orchids was  
beautiful and much  
appreciated.*

### In Memory

Marlene Lage of Long Grove, Iowa passed away on June 4, 1997. She organized two Quester chapters in the Scott County area, namely Brownlie Sod House #1229 and Walnut Grove #1251.

Marlene enjoyed attending auctions and garage sales. This contributed to her many collections, which included quilts, pottery, Fostoria, collectible dishes and primitives. Many of these items were used to furnish the Brownlie Sod House owned by Marlene and her husband Robert.

*Iowa Questers Hawkeye Tales* Fall 1997

**Marlene  
Lage**



### Marlene Lage

Services for Marlene K. Lage, 63, of Long Grove, were held Saturday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Eldridge, with the Rev. Del Preston officiating.

Pallbearers were Kurt, Jed, and Jay Nagle, Robin Beert, Mark and Richard DeWulf, Steve Lynch, and Rich Edwards. Brad Munster served as honorary pallbearer.

Burial was in Long Grove Cemetery.

Schultz Funeral Home of DeWitt was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Lage died Wednesday, June 4 at Genesis Medical Center-West Campus, Davenport.

Marlene K. Malmanger was born June 29, 1933, in Calamus, Iowa, the daughter of Elmer Clifford and Emma Johnson Malmanger. She married Robert E. Lage on July 6, 1952, at Faith Lutheran Church, Calamus.

Mrs. Lage was a 1950 graduate of Calamus High School. She had worked at the Gambles Store in Eldridge and was also employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Long Grove and Eldridge.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Eldridge; the Lutheran Church Women's Christian Action Group; a charter member of Long Grove Civic League. She organized and was a charter member of Brownlie Sod House Questors #1229, and also organized and was a member of Walnut Grove Questors #1251. She was also assistant superintendent of the Floriculture Department of the Mississippi Valley Fair.

She enjoyed antiques, volleyball, quilting, and garage sales.

Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, Women's Christian Action Group, Alexander Brownlie Sod House, or a favorite charity.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Kristy (Mrs. Giles) Looney, Long Grove; sons, Kent, Long Grove, and Rand, Naperville, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and sisters, Elaine Stine, Davenport, Janet Nagle, Long Grove, and Ruth Ann Munster, Daytona Beach, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



Celebrating  
Southeast Iowa Questers  
Silver Anniversary

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Harvest Gathering  
September 30, 1997  
Holiday Inn  
5202 Brady Street  
Davenport, Iowa



A warm welcome from  
your Host Chapters:

~Annie Wittenmeyer #737  
~Brownlie Sod House #1229  
~Junction Collectors #1185  
~Pearls of Wisdom #1186  
~Walnut Grove #1251

Quester's Motto: "It's fun to search...  
and a joy to find."

## Program

8:30 ~ 9:15 Registration, Coffee, and Cookies  
8:30 ~ 9:10 Chapter Presidents' Meeting  
9:15 ~ 9:30 View Displays  
9:30 ~ 10:10 Vintage Clothing from Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
~ Betty Spies, Walnut Grove #1251  
10:15 ~ 10:50 Silver Spoons ~ Susanne Hoffman  
10:50 ~ 11:05 Break  
11:05 ~ 11:45 Roseville Pottery ~ Marie Latta, Junction Collectors #1185  
11:45 ~ 12:00 Lynnette Pohlman, Director, Brunnier Art Museum  
~ Iowa Glass Museum Report  
12:00 ~ 1:30 Luncheon and Business Meeting  
2:30 ~ ? You are invited to visit:  
~~ Tour of Abbey, 1401 Central Avenue, Bettendorf, Ia (Free Will Offering)  
~~ Pioneer Village, Scott County Park





Bernice Meier and her collection of Early American Woodenware.







The stage was full of "pretend ladies" dressed in Vintage Clothing. The collection is owned by Betty Spies.







Betty presented an outstanding program and Betty Claussen assisted her.



